

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: SUGITA, Nobuaki

Serial No.: 09/528,986

Filed: March 20, 2000



Group Art Unit: 1745

Examiner: M. Ruthkosky

FOR: SEALED BATTERY WITH LESS ELECTROLYTE LEAKAGE

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -

GROUP ART UNIT 1745

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

July 10, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **January 18, 2002**, extended to **July 18, 2002**, by a three month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the specification as follows:

CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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Please amend the specification as follows:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 21, as follows:

The break of the thin film is tracked down when conventional sealed batteries that have the gas release valve on the closure cap are dropped. It is found that liquid drops of the electrolyte break the thin film as follows. At the impact of drop, liquid drops of the electrolyte with which the generator element is impregnated are pushed out of the generator element at the side of the closure cap. The interval between the closure cap and the generator element is set so small that liquid drops that has been pushed out at the side opposed to the thin film directly hit and break the thin film.